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THE SUGAR BOUNTY.

I quote a plea for the sugar bounty from the New Orleans Times-Democrat, the San Francisco Bulletin remarks that the United States pays \$100,000,000 a year now for sugar that could be produced at home. But if foreign sugar was excluded and a bounty paid, it might be replied, the American people would have to pay as much to the home producers and from twenty to fifty million dollars more in bounties. The cost would be even much greater if the producers effected a combination to raise the price. As regards the bounty-fed sugar of Germany, of whose competition the article mentioned complains, the United States can stop that by a tariff provision excluding all sugar on which the country of production pays a bounty. Another thing to consider in the whole question is the loss in foreign trade the country would sustain from the shutting out of foreign sugar. In the case of the trade with these islands a stoppage would mean a severe blow to the shipping interests of the Pacific Coast.

OBSERVATIONS.

Turkey has been compelled by threat of the heavy hand of Europe to grant reforms in Armenia. How long the "unspeakable Turk" will "stay put" is now the problem.

Alaska is left without a land law and has yet no representation in Congress. This may or not be a criterion of how Hawaii would be treated if admitted to the Union only as a Territory.

Japan has a hard row to hoe in Corea. With all the faults that may be committed by some indiscreet or rash officials, however, probably there is no nation in a better position to give Corea a house-cleaning than Japan. Her statesmen ought to know the conditions and the people better than those of any other country, and the material to work with is much like what Japan has been building with at home.

It appears that the report of British troops marching across Brazil to occupy the disputed territory in Venezuela originated in statements made by Indians to the officers of an Amazon steamer. Probably the Indians saw some mining party with guns, which was the origin lately of another story about French troops in the same neighborhood. The report may be placed in the Museum of Fakes alongside the Hawaiian filibuster rumors.

M. H. de Young, proprietor of the San Francisco Chronicle, on his return home across the continent after an extended visit to Europe, talked of presidential politics. He had but small encouragement for the people of San Francisco to expect the Republican National Convention held there. Allison he considered the strongest candidate for nomination, but thought a great many ballots would be required for a choice, as there were a great many candidates, none of whom are so strong as to enlist very great enthusiasm.

But one foreign mail received in three weeks, and then three foreign mails in one week. "Oh, how shiftless."

Age and experience in the legal profession should certainly be considered as among the chief qualifications in making selections for the bench of any of the higher courts. There should be no royal road to that goal of most lawyers' ambition.

Professor Barnard, formerly head of the Lick Observatory in California and now head of the astronomical department of the University of Chicago, has in an interview exploded a lot of fiction and fancy regarding the possibilities of astronomical discovery. He said that no telescope, no matter how perfect it may be, will ever show the moon clearly at an apparently closer range than 100 to 150 miles, as seen by the naked eye. No "signal lights" on Mars were ever seen with the Lick telescope, but, in all probability, were seen only by an experienced and keen-sighted newspaper man.

In the death of Captain Mist the community has lost a good and true man. His interest in the welfare of the islands was always keen to the last, and he ever maintained what he deemed to be the right with vigor. Captain Mist was an accomplished and forcible writer, and only within the past few weeks the BULLETIN has been favored with communications from his pen. Throughout his many years of residence here he has been identified with the material and social interests of the country. He will be greatly missed and generally lamented.

Judiciary Jottings.

Hemen vs. Kamakahi is set for hearing on Monday.

In Wong Wa Foy and others vs. Kaili Kakei and others, bill for partition, Cecil Brown made appearance for one of the defendants, and Judge Cooper granted him five days more to answer.

Judge Cooper has appointed Joseph Puni as administrator of the estate of W. H. Harper, late of Koloa, Kauai, instead of C. W. Ashford, resigned. Kahookano for petitioner.

The same Judge has approved the accounts and ordered the discharge of Samuel K. Aki, administrator of the will of Naholewan. The order directs the disposition of personal property not mentioned in the will.

Treasury Notes Taken.

Several offers were received for Treasury notes at the Finance office. W. O. Smith and G. N. Wilcox had offers accepted up to the amount of \$8000. The interest was six and seven per cent., the latter being for notes at three months. Seven per cent. is the maximum rate of interest, and seven months the longest term allowed by the Act. Two more offers are in consideration, and the whole amount of \$50,000 could be disposed of; but Minister Damon deems it unnecessary to issue more than will satisfy present requirements. Since the cholera scare has ended, taxes are coming in freely all over the country.

He Was Generally Right.

Many things which at first sight seem perfectly simple are found on more careful reflection to be full of mystery, and, on the other hand, things which to begin with look quite inexplicable sometimes turn out to be as simple as A B C. When a certain young barrister first took chambers in the Temple he astonished his friends by telling them that ninety-nine times out of a hundred when he heard footsteps on the stairs he could tell whether or not the person was coming to his office. On being questioned as to how he did it, he said that he always made up his mind that they were not coming to his office, and ninety-nine times out of a hundred he was right.

WEATHERED WICKEDNESS.

Strange Social Law of the Isles of Floral Beauty.

EDITOR BULLETIN:—The Star said a true word the other day in its column of comment. It certainly is the constitutional privilege of every man and woman on these islands to wear a lei. But, for some unexplainable reason, a narrow and despicable spirit has set the seal of social ostracism upon the white man who exercises that privilege.

During the days of the Golden Age, the days of heroes and the Olympic games, when Greece so shone that her reflected light is still a beacon to us; in those old days the highest, most cherished reward for superiority in the arts or sciences, the realms of poetry and of prose, or of excellence in warlike or athletic feats, was a laurel wreath. Crowned kings and proudest princes envied the honored recipient of this greatest of honors.

In these islands for ages past, the Hawaiian has worn, as an emblem of affection, a wreath of flowers. It is the symbolical expression of that word of infinite meaning—Aloha. It is the Hawaiian's way of expressing a family tie, as the white man wears the wedding ring.

Whence has arisen, I wonder, this spirit of intolerance? Some wee-brained stickler for the superlative in etiquette must needs imagine that he or she has discovered that the act had a veiled purport not in accordance with Puritanical ideas.

I do not believe there ever was any foundation for such a notion, but constant harping on that strain has led to a general condemnation of the most beautiful sentiment ever symbolized by the Polynesian race.

So today the haole who has the temerity to adorn his person with a garland is at once kapu. It is comparatively safe to call a man a villain, a liar or a fraud, in this country, and it won't seriously affect his social standing; but if you wish to utterly destroy him, in that direction, just whisper about that he sports a lei, and "sassiness" will know him no longer.

Some time ago, a year or thereabout, an intelligent and very decent young fellow arrived at Gossipville, on the big island, from San Francisco. He bore a number of letters of introduction from people of first rate standing and expected to meet with a hearty reception.

As soon as he landed he noticed that the majority of the Hawaiians were wreaths of flowers or feathers and, the custom striking his fancy, he immediately invested in one.

Calling at the house of a prominent resident, he presented his credentials and was received, with considerable coolness.

As soon as an opportunity arose, the family questioned him about his decoration, and then, for several hours, lectured him on the unpardonable sin of tying a string of blossoms around his hat.

The young man stayed there about three months, but there was always an element of sadness in any conversation of which he was the topic, and a hope expressed, more or less dolefully, that he might eventually be forgiven.

How silly and finicky it all seems.

Flowers are nature's loveliest production. Poets go mad over the beauty of the daisy and the violet, the sunflower and the rose. Hawaiian lyrics beam with rhymes over the perfume of the maile. In every clime and nation volumes are penned to the charms of the flowers, and have been through all time. I believe that this is the only land in which set rules and regulations have been laid down to indicate the proper method of adorning oneself with them.

You may gather the flowers of the forest; You may bear a bouquet on your breast; You may garnish the vase in the parlor And your spirit in safety can rest; But if you would lose reputation; See it shattered with sickening thud; Just stack up some blossoms on top of your head, And your name is distinctively Mud.

MALIBINI.

Mrs. Dane, whose husband died on the last trip of the Mariposa, returned to the Colonies by the Alameda.

It may not be generally known that Albert Sala, who teaches school at Napoopo, Hawaii, where he has married and settled down, is a brother of the celebrated George Augustus Sala.

Timely Topics

LAMPS AND LAMP SHADES AND SOME OTHER THINGS.

This is the time of the year when the evenings gradually increase in length, especially on Saturdays and Sundays. Why the evenings should be longer on those two days than on any other is something no fellow has ever found out, but it is so. Such being the case the question of lighting up the household during the long evenings that are coming is one that cannot be ignored by the head of any household.

The question of economy must also be considered. Coal oil is advancing in price, and we read by the late dispatches that the Pennsylvania oil fields won't last much more than twenty years to come; also that the great Standard Oil Company is already looking around for new oil fields to supply the threatened deficit. Kerosene oil will always be obtainable at the figure Mr. Rockefeller puts on it, but as a matter of future economy the Honolulu householder should purchase his lamps with a view to procuring the greatest possible amount of light with the smallest consumption of oil. This can only be done by buying good lamps and good burners and good chimneys. The Hawaiian Hardware Company has them all.

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